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(54) Title: IMPROVEMENTS IN HARD-SIDED LUGGAGE

(57) Abstract

A hard-sided luggage article (20) which is made by blow molding process. The invention further provides a unique lid (24) having a double wall and a base (26) including a Z-beam (100) perimeter. A co-extrusion clip (120) is provided on the Z-beam (100), part of the co-extrusion clip (120) providing a color break and interlocks when the lid (24) is closed on the base (26). The blow molding process makes it possible to produce a hard-sided luggage article (20) with a trap-door lid (24). In this way, the parting line between the lid (24) and the base (26) does not extend around the entire sidewall of the case, thus providing a portion of the sidewall which can rest on the floor without the possibility of allowing leakage from a puddle, or the like, to infiltrate into the interior of the case.

